



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK

April 25 – May 1, 2004

WHEREAS, vaccines are among the 20th Century's most successful and cost-effective public health tools available for preventing disease and death; and

WHEREAS, national immunization levels are at or near record highs for most vaccines, and most vaccine-preventable diseases have been reduced by 99 percent or more since the introduction of vaccines; and

WHEREAS, immunizations are one of the most important ways parents can protect their children against serious diseases; and

WHEREAS, North Dakota children need a series of vaccinations, starting at birth, to be fully protected against 12 potentially serious diseases, and particular attention must be paid to the importance of proper immunization for infants and toddlers age 2 and younger; and

WHEREAS, public and private health-care providers, parents and caregivers are encouraged to ensure that all children receive immunizations by the age of 2, and all North Dakotans are urged to spread the immunization message throughout their communities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim April 25 - May 1, 2004, **INFANT IMMUNIZATION WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State